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## N O T E.

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THE object of an Index being ease and celerity of reference, I have endeavoured in the present compilation to keep this in view as much as possible: I have accordingly omitted no name of place or person of any importance: perhaps, indeed, it may appear to some, that the names of many insignificant places have been needlessly inserted; but having frequently found that a village, a small stream, a hill, &c., of no consequence in itself, acquires great importance in geographical discussions of locality and relative position, I have thought that by inserting in the Index more names than might at first appear necessary, I was, if at all wrong in doing so, erring on the safe side.

Having myself often experienced the trouble and loss of time occasioned by being referred backwards and forwards from one article to another when consulting an Index, I have been careful to avoid this; and, in order still more to facilitate the ready finding of any article, have placed under different heads such subjects as admit of it, so that they may be readily found, however looked for. The very few cases in which a reference is made by the word *see*, are when places are differently spelt in different parts of the Journal; nevertheless, the page is also in such instances immediately pointed out.

The names of the Authors and Contributors of papers will be found in their proper places in the general alphabet.

The Anniversary Addresses being themselves methodically arranged, and being moreover a recapitulation of much of what the Journal contains in detail, it appeared sufficient with regard to them to give the principal headings of their subjects, which are incorporated in the general alphabet in their proper places, as well as the other Addresses contained in the Journal, the Council-Reports, &c.

The detailed Index is preceded by an Index to the several Papers contained in the Journal, and an Index or List of Maps and Illustrations.

The first of these is arranged systematically, according to the different parts of the world, as EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA, AMERICA, and PACIFIC OCEAN; after which come GENERAL ARTICLES, then ANALYSES, and finally MISCELLANEA: under these different heads the several articles are alphabetically arranged.

It has been thought unnecessary to insert in the Index the various accents and marks adopted in the body of the work to denote the correct pronounciation of names.

In a few cases the orthography of the names of places in the Index will be found to differ somewhat from that in the text; in such cases, the former is considered the more correct.

In the Index to the Illustrations I have only stated the volume, as different persons have the Maps bound up in different ways; some at the beginning of the several Articles to which they belong, others at the end of the Articles, and some all together at the end of the Volume. When, however, the illustrations consist of cuts inserted in the page, the latter as well as the volume is pointed out.

Having given these explanations, it remains only for me to express a hope that the Index may be found a useful appendage to the Journal; and to crave indulgence for whatever imperfections it may contain. A person accustomed to making indexes would probably have performed the task in a more satisfactory manner: it is my first attempt of the kind; and though an undertaking of no small labour, I shall not regret the pains I have taken if my work be found useful to the possessors of the Journal of the Royal Geographical Society.

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